

St. Jude's to host reception

St. Jude's Home will host an open house and reception celebrating the 20th anniversary of the founding of The Society of St. Paul this Tuesday, June 27.

The society, which owns and operates St. Jude's, was founded in 1958 and began its nursing care program in Gresham the same year.

The Society of St. Paul is a religious order of Episcopal men. It was founded by Father Rene Bozarth who combined the resources of a parish, monastery, and parish school to form the order.

St. Jude's in Sandy was opened in 1963. It provides long-term nursing and residential care to people suffering from chronic disease regardless of a patient's ability to pay, according to Marilee Swarthout, administrator of the home.

The Society of St. Paul relocated its home from the monastery in Sandy in 1976 to Our Lady of the Desert monastery in southern California but still maintains an active interest in the nursing home.

The relocation of the society made it possible for the home to expand its nursing facilities by 20 additional living spaces. The dining room area was also expanded.

The public is invited to attend the open house and reception which will be held from 2:30 p.m.

Lawson on ballot

Sherry M. Lawson will be the only candidate listed on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 27 election to the Sandy Elementary School Board.

Lawson is seeking to fill the term of Helen Leith who was appointed to the position last year but is moving out of the school district.



ELLA RAIN CHILD is not particularly afraid of animals, even when it comes to furry little rats. She and Houdini, as the pet is called, get along quite well. Houdini lives in a cage at the Sandy Community School. He will be among the animals in the Sandy Mountain Days Pet Show coming up in two weeks. (John Kline photo)

Festival plans readied

It's coming up on that time of year again.

Meinig Memorial Park is getting the once over by city work crews and a host of volunteers; artists and craftsmen are preparing their creations for the exhibits to be placed there; and musicians and actors are polishing up their varied skills to be performed there.

Over 10,000 people are expected to flock to Sandy for the weekend of July 8-9 for the fifth annual Sandy Mountain Festival. Thousands are also expected to take part in the preceding Sandy Mountain Days to run Tuesday, July 4, through the weekend.

"Things are coming together extremely well for the Festival and Days," said Lyn Ellis, one of several coordinators for the week-long festivities. "There has been remarkable cooperation from everybody involved with the whole thing."

The Sandy Mountain Festival is believed to be one of the most successful events of its kind in the Northwest.

A total of 115 artists, craftsmen and vendors will have items for sale in booths and exhibits in the park. Goods ranging from wrought iron furniture to baby bibs to oil paintings to meatball sandwiches will be for sale there.

The reservation list for obtaining an exhibit area in the park was filled several months ago but artists are still making requests to secure space.

"We don't advertise to get artists to come here but we have been filled up for at least three months," Mrs. Ellis said. "I'd hate to think what would happen if we did advertise."

In addition to the arts and crafts exhibits, there will be a wide variety of music throughout the Festival, bluegrass, rock, country, dixieland and various strains inbetween.

Several drama groups will be presenting a mixed bag of entertainment in the way of skits and short plays. The One Way Theatre, the Bird Cage Players and the Strolling Minstrels will perform at various times at the stage area in the park.

(A schedule of events listing will be printed in the Post next week.)

A community picnic will kick off the Sandy Mountain Days at 4 p.m. July 4 in the park. It will be followed by several activities including a Little League baseball game and vaudeville show. The evening will be capped by a music program (conducted by Dale Nicholls) and fireworks display, both at the Sandy High football field.

Several new activities are planned for the Mountain Days. They include an all-breeds pet show, snowshoe baseball (in which plywood boards will be substituted for the real thing on the players' feet) and bicycle races.

Certain to be a highlight among the activities is the third annual pet rock race to be held Friday, July 7. Sandy has the proud distinction of being the first city in the Northwest to hold such a race at a festival, according to race officials. Other cities have copied the idea but not the aura, it is believed.

A Saturday night street dance in the Heritage Square parking lot will top off the week's activities. Music will be provided by "Cock and Bull."

Youngsters back in berry fields

by Mark Floyd

Ten- and 11-year-olds are back in the berry fields for now following a decision Saturday by the U.S. Labor Department.

The decision allows the youths to pick in the fields until a hearing, tentatively set for June 24, will be held to determine the final outcome of the matter.

The action by the Labor Department is the latest in a series of reversals that has left berry growers in the area concerned about the future of this year's crop.

Although a law was passed last fall by Congress allowing the 10- and 11-year-olds in the fields, red tape has forced a delay in its implementation. Because of stringent health and safety restrictions written into the law, the regulations the Labor Department was to have provided were not completed by harvest time.

U.S. District Judge Jack Tanner of Tacoma issued a 10-day restraining order June 14 against the Labor Department's decision to enforce the Fair Labor Standards Act which bans 10- and 11-year-olds. Tanner's action followed a petition from the Washington Farm Bureau.

However, two days later (June 16) Tanner accepted a Labor Department plea that 10- and 11-year-olds not be allowed to pick in Oregon and parts of

Washington this season. Tanner ruled that his order would apply only on behalf of members of the Washington Farm Bureau who initiated the petition.

Following the outrage of Oregon strawberry growers not included in the petition, the Labor Department decided Saturday to include the state's youngsters in Tanner's original ruling.

Oregon Gov. Bob Straub had also gotten into the act. He asked that the ruling be extended to Oregon.

Final decision pending

The final decision is pending the upcoming hearing. One of the major considerations will be the safety of children in fields that have been sprayed with pesticides.

Labor Secretary Ray Marshall has denied all waiver applications to date from Northwest growers because of the lack of safety documentation.

State labor officials countered by notifying Marshall two weeks ago that no health problems have been associated with children working in the fields. Marshall hopes to decide within a week whether the children are subjected to pesticide hazards.

Meanwhile, growers are becoming irritated by all the red tape and the yo-yo status of the 10- and 11-year-olds. One local grower who is fed up with the whole situation is Alvina Raff, owner of

Raff Berry Farm just off Highway 26 outside of Gresham.

"I think the guys who are making the laws ought to come out here and pick," she said. "Let's see what they would do with a whole field of rotting berries."

8- and 9-year olds?

Allowing the 10- and 11-year-olds to pick is crucial in getting the crops out, Raff said. And even that might not be enough.

"We need to go even lower than (10 and 11)," said Raff. "I can't have a whole field of kids eight and nine year old sitting around watching their parents, so their parents won't pick either. They can't afford the babysitters."

Raff said that she couldn't understand the controversy over the issue of pesticides.

"They say the spray hurts them," she said. "Heck, we haven't sprayed for three weeks."

"Besides," she added, "if the spray hurts the 10- and 11-year-olds, doesn't it hurt the 12-year-olds too?"

Because of all the confusion, Raff is only on her field's first picking, whereas some fields have been picked three times already, she said.

"Six acres of berries," she sighed, "and some of them are already too ripe."

City voters asked to okay 3-year rate levy

by John Kline

Sandy City Council gave final approval to a \$1,993,121 budget for the coming fiscal year after a public hearing in council chambers Monday night and sent the package onto city voters in the upcoming serial rate levy election set for Tuesday, June 27.

Voters will be asked to approve a three-year assessment rate of \$4.02 per \$1,000 of valuation to fund the operating expenses of the city.

That amount, coupled with the tax base rate of 35 cents plus the first year payoffs on long term bond debt of \$2.13, will result in an anticipated overall rate of \$6.50 for the 1978-79 fiscal year.

This is the first year the city will be allowed to establish a three-year serial

rate levy under state law. If passed, the \$4.02 rate for operating expenses would remain in effect through 1980-81.

The bottom line rate of \$6.50 represents an increase of \$1.93 over last

Tax levy structure

Tax Base	35	...	(\$11,142)
Serial Levy	\$4.02	...	(\$126,198)
Bond payoff	\$2.13	...	(\$66,973)
	\$6.50		(\$204,313)

year's tax rate. The jump is due in large part to payoff on two long-term bond measures passed by city voters: the \$1.5 million Alder Creek water system and the \$150,000 bond to pur-

chase the new community center.

Little opposition was voiced against the proposed budget at the Monday night hearing.

City resident Don Blair argued in favor of higher wages for city policemen at the hearing. He also raised objections to increases in a number of department budgets.

City Manager Paul Helton countered that most of the increases in the budget were funded by federal programs. He also pointed out that city policemen were offered a seven percent pay increase plus an additional five percent effective Jan. 1 of next year.

Employee salaries for the entire city averaged an 8.2 percent increase plus an additional .2 percent increase in fringe benefits.

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It's a 'Fatathon'

Staff sheds pounds for bucks

Sandy High chorale director Don Tucker is 30 pounds lighter than he was about five weeks ago.

Sandy High Superintendent Dr. Jack Peters is 25 pounds below his weight at the same time.

Seven other staff members at the school weigh in below what they were before the idea for a "Fatathon" took hold.

And just what, one may ask, is a Fatathon?

At Sandy High, it's a project to help raise money to pay off the expenses of a trip to California by the school's 80-member chorale group.

Tucker came up with the idea to help pay off leftover bills totalling \$2,000 from the trip taken during spring break.

Staff members who volunteered for the Fatathon offered to lose as much weight as they could in a month's time. Students who went on the trip solicited pledges from willing donors who offered to contribute a certain amount of money for each pound shed by a particular staff member.

Tucker came away with top honors in the fund raising event followed by Barb Beehler who dropped 27 pounds.

Peters finished third and collected a share of the chorale group's booty from school board member Ginny Brewster at the school board meeting last Monday. Brewster pledged a dollar a pound for every one lost by the superintendent.

Tucker is uncertain how much will be finally collected for the Fatathon. But he is pleased the project was able to generate funds for the chorale group as well as produce a side benefit of leaner staff members.

"Some of us had a lot of weight to lose," he said. "It might as well have gone for a good cause."



SANDY CHORALE director Don Tucker (right) tips the scales a 30 pounds below his weight of five weeks ago. School board member Ginny Brewster shelled out \$25 toward the chorale group's fund raising Fatathon to help defray expenses of the chorale group's spring break trip to California. (John Kline photo)

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